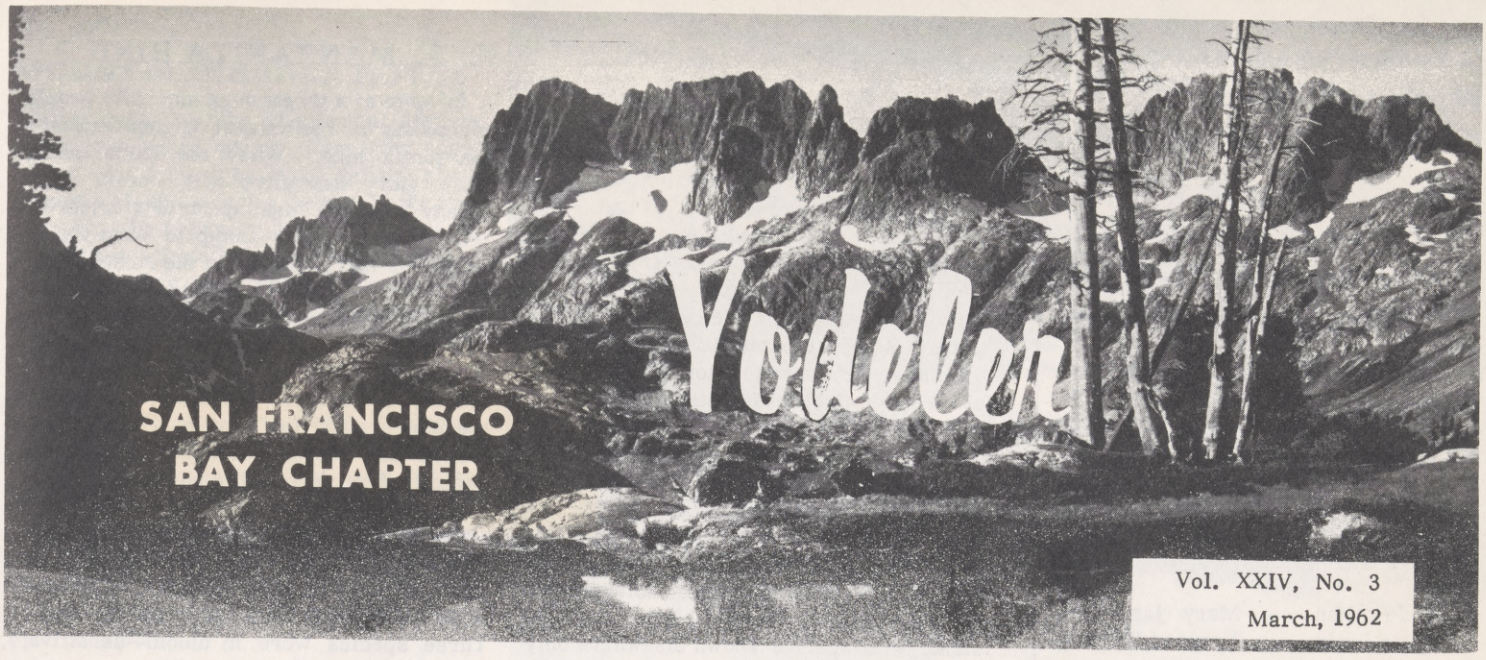

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THE NATIONAL PARKS AND POPULATION PRESSURE

At the winter meeting of the Board of Directors, Feb. 3-4, considerable time was given to a survey of the new national parks, monuments, and recreation areas proposed to meet the increasing pressure of a larger population. Listeners found the discussion especially interesting because in each case some one with personal knowledge of the area was present at the meeeing.

The proposed Ice Age National Scientific Reserve (Wisconsin) was described by Director Justice William O. Douglas, who walked there last summer, as the upturned edge of a giant spoon. It is really a straggling line of gravel and boulders. Five hundred miles are traceable across the mid west states, left by the last great continental glacier of the Ice Age, sometimes in the form of a ridge of low hills, sometimes only a gravel bank a few yards wide. The boyhood home of John Muir is close to the western edge of the proposed park. It is valuable recreation land close to three million people and is very heavily used. Several State parks are on it, subdivisions are encroaching, and gravel for building is being mined. Bills approving the preservation are in Senate and House, but need support. At present the gravel companies seem to be ahead.

The Sleeping Bear Dunes, and the Pictured Rocks, proposed parks in Michigan, were described in the last Yodeler. Russell Butcher, Sierra Club staff member, knows these areas and described them to the Board. Later, he showed slides of the Pictured Rocks to the Conservation Committee. Miles of warmly colored sandstone cliffs dip steeply into the blue water of Lake Superior and behind the cliffs is a wide belt of empty cut-over land where new trees are already well grown. In the course of time it will return to true wilderness of climax type hardwood forest.

The proposed Prairie National Park,

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Everybody Gets Yodeler This Issue

We hope we will not offend our regular subscribers by putting The Yodeler in the hands of all Bay Chapter members this issue. This pinches our treasury, and we don't hide our basic motive in doing so. We seek additional subscribers.... you, in fact! The Yodeler is your best means of keeping in touch with current conservation matters on the local scene, chapter schedule changes, late news of social events...and articles of technical interest for the outings enthusiasts among us.

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A BOAT-BREAKER OPENS THE WHITE-WATER SEASON

A sparkling one-day run on that famous boat-breaker, the San Lorenzo River, opened the River Touring Section's 1962 season on Washington's Birthday.

The little steelhead stream that drains the redwood basins around Felton and empties into the Pacific at Santa Cruz was lined with fishermen who could not have been pleasanter—nor more surprised—as eleven black-wet-suited figures in kayaks swept past.

The drop per mile in the San Lorenzo's brief climactic gorge is one of the sharpest the RTS ever runs. When—as was the case—good water is flowing down among the rocks, high excitement is guaranteed.

Boat repairs were concentrated mainly into one luncheon session, though later two of the paddlers had to drop out short of the end. Rain held off, and everybody finished in time for a getaway before dark—even though a derelict canoe, salvaged from a sandbar where the floods had left it, had to be towed the last mile or so. Its salvors hope it can be put into shape as a Section rental boat. —P.D.W.

R.T.S. WINS NATIONALS

Since the last issue of the Yodeler the Sierra Club Board of Directors has given its permission for the River Touring Section to hold the National Whitewater Kayak Championships in June.

The Forest Service, through William Peterson, Regional Forester at Quincy, has sanctioned the use of the North Fork Feather River, near Caribou, where last year's Pacific Invitational slaloms were held. The dates, June 30-July 1.

The Bay Chapter will seek cooperation of boaters from the Mother Lode and Loma Prieta Chapters in making the event a sure-fire success.

Participants are already assured from the two large Colorado white-water clubs

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EDITORIAL: THE ANNUAL

In the December Sierra Club Bulletin, there is an appeal for an expression of opinion as to whether the Annual Magazine number of that publication should be discontinued for reasons of economy.

This is an opportunity for those to speak up who, like the Yodeleditor, believe that activities have recently had an undeservedly secondary role in Sierra Club affairs. For all the Bulletin's great virtues, it must be said that only the Annual Edition gives much space to actual mountaineering, river-running, and exploring. The Mountaineering Notes in the annual are, in fact, of absorbing interest and remind us again that our Club is, aside from a conservation-arguing group, also one of a distinguished group of alpine clubs.

We suggest that those who agree with us send letters in this sense to the Mills Tower. —P.D.W.

WILDFLOWER SHOWS

California Spring Blossom and Wild Flower Association will hold its thirty-ninth annual wild flower show in the Gallery, Hall of Flowers - 9th avenue and Lincoln Way - Golden Gate Park, on March 12, 13 and 14. The public is invited to attend without charge.

The annual Stinson Beach Wildflower show will be held Saturday, May 5 from 10 to 5 and Sunday, May 6 from 12 to 5 at the Community Hall behind the Fire House.

SAN FRANCISCO GROUP HEARS OF RUWENZORI

The San Francisco group of the Bay Area Chapter held its January dinner meeting at the Golden Gate Yacht Club on the 25th.

Climber Al Baxter gave slides and a talk on the Ruwenzori Expedition, which he led in the summer of 1960 - the "Congo Summer". The "Mountains of the Moon", named by Ptolemy, were first climbed successfully by the Duke of the Abruzzi in 1906.

Members of the expedition were successful in several climbs, notably of Alexandra, Speke, and Margherita (elev. 16,763). Al pointed out with understandable pride that these photographs were probably among the few in existence of the Ruwenzori under blue skies. Particularly interesting were pictures of the approach march into the climbing area, for the mountains have an "island status" comparable to Galapagos Island, with species known elsewhere only as garden plants; lobelia with eight-foot stalks; grounsel of gigantic proportions; heather trees forth feet high in a Jabberwocky forest. —Mary M. Jasperson

San Francisco Dinner Meeting

Dr. Harold C. Bradley, Past President and Honorary Vice President, will present his memorable motion picture, "Crossing the Sierra on Skis," and Lewis F. Clark, Director and Vice President, will show selections from his famous slide collection of "Ski Huts and Touring" at the March 29 San Francisco Dinner, 7 p.m. at the Golden Gate Yacht Club. The charge will be $2.00. Social hour begins at 6 p.m.

Make reservations before 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, by calling Beverly Anderson, SE 1-8940 or Elsbeth Nagel, PR 5-2492

Marin Area Group Meeting

The Marin Area Group will hold its next dinner meeting on March 29 at Bob's in Marin at Corte Madera. The cost is $2.50. Reservations must be made by March 24. Call Prentiss Goldstone, 80 Magee Avenue, Mill Valley.

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N. S. MANZANITA HIKE

In spite of a threatening sky, fifty people turned out for the Natural Science Section's manzanita hike. After the rains, every little gully was alive with water. The cloudy morning was spent in a leisurely trip from Bootjack Camp to West Point, where we had lunch and in the sunny afternoon we returned to Bootjack via Mountain Theater.

Tom Howell, Curator of Botany at the California Academy of Sciences, was the leader, and stopped frequently to discuss the plants along the way, particularly the shrubs and trees. Tom has a wonderful capacity for imparting his own enthusiasm for plant life to others.

Of the six species of Arctostaphylos on Mt. Tamalpais five were seen on the trip, and some of the party visited Camp Eastwood at the end of the day to see the sixth. Three species were in bloom—sensitiva, cushingiana and glandulosa; two—canescens and virgata—were mostly past blooming, and one—montana—was still in bud.

The group saw five species of Ceanothus, four of which were in bud, but the fifth, ramulosus, was a beautiful sight in full bloom. Six members of the oak family were also encountered, besides many other shrubs and ferns. Thanks, Tom, for a lovely day. —Charles T. Townsend

Audubon Camp Cancelled

With deep regret, the National Audubon Society has notified us that the 1962 season of the Audubon Camp of California, announced in last month's Yodeler, has been canceled. The Sugar Bowl Lodge Corporation has other plans for its property in the future and, in any event, could not extend the lease beyond 1962. Also, it must carry out certain construction work this summer, which would result in mutual interference and unavoidable inconvenience.

This means, of course, that Audubon is offering no scholarships this year.

CHANGE OF DATE

The John Muir Memorial Association has announced that the Memorial Service for John Muir, followed by Open House in Muir Manor, will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 29, 1962, at two o'clock instead of as previously scheduled.

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MOUNTAINEERING NOTES

After many months of informal discussions, two years ago an organizing committee was formed to make definite plans toward a Mountaineering Section in the Bay Chapter. In February 1961 the Executive Committee officially recognized the Mountaineering Section. Now, after the first year of activity, it is time to review the results and look toward our future goals.

During the first year an attempt was made to offer in equal amounts both week end training trips and relatively moderate climbs in the Sierra. Our first trip to the high country was a climb of snow and ice covered Mt. Starr King in May. Among other trips were the Snow Climbing and Ice Climbing training trips. Most scheduled trips have been reported in the Yodeler. Local practice climbs were conducted whenever possible.

Leader training was also part of our program. The highlight of the year was what we believe to have been a first ascent of the Hotlum Glacier on the northeast side of Mt. Shasta. On Labor Day weekend, following a long trip in, we set up camp on a rocky spur, at 11,000 feet, surrounded on three sides by the glacier. On Sunday, a successful climb up 3,000 feet of steep ice to the summit was made. Allen Steck led the party, which included Bob Dietrich, Bill Engs, Larry Epperson, Steve Herrero, Doug Peterson, Rex Smith, Francis Walcott and Diane Westman.

Discussion and study has been included in the program. Round table seminars on mountaineering techniques were held monthly, except during the summer.

During the coming year we plan an increased emphasis on training at all levels, a continuation of the evening discussions; more advanced climbing; and an expedition type trip of a week or so in duration, probably somewhere in the Northwest. You are invited to join us and to learn and qualify for some of the advanced trips.

—Francis Walcott

COLD-WEATHER LESSONS

At 8 o'clock Sunday morning, it was 2 degrees below zero. This was a condition confronting us during the annual Bay Chapter - Mother Lode Chapter Snow Camping Training session near the C.T.L. warming hut on 10-11 January. Leaders Bob Hackamack, Al Steck and Larry Williams demonstrated how we could survive and enjoy (?) ourselves when backpacking in the snow. Our experiences may be helpful to you.

Our layout consisted of Rex Smith's new Logan Tent and about 10 one and two man tents. Al Steck and Sy Benton slept in snow caves. They advise that you should be sure to make your cave large enough to sit up inside and that you remember to bring a snow shovel or similar tool.

Our main problem was not sleeping on snow: it was keeping our extremities from freezing. We had to learn to avoid touching any material with our bare hands. We had to perform as many operations as possible with mitts on. Standing motionless in the snow would quickly numb our feet. Larry kept a continuous parade going around the dinner table to keep our feet thawed. Larry's knowledge of mass feeding methods enabled us to eat while on the "treadmill".

Another problem was stoves. Self-pressurizing gasoline stoves failed in the zero cold of the open air, where heat needed to vaporize gasoline was radiated from stove bodies. These stoves worked satisfactorily inside tents, where it was warm (15 degrees). Stoves with pumps caused no problems outside. —Bill Engs

GIL JOHNSON RUNS THE FALL ON THE SAN LORENZO. PHOTO BY PETER WHITNEY.

R. T. S. Slalom (from Pg. 1)

and the Washington Foldboard Club of Seattle. Contingents from the East Coast, Canada, and possibly Europe, are also hoped for.

Chairman of the RTS Slalom Committee is Peter Whitney; members are Barbara Tilden, Maynard Munger, Glenn Gaumer, Roger Paris, and Bryce Whitmore.

RIVER TOURING NOTES

The River Touring Section's annual spring training meetings begin on March 7. Opening with a kayak show, the series is planned to give newcomers an understanding of the sport and an introduction to basic kayak techniques and water safety.

At the March 7 boat show, which will be held at the Live Oak Community Building, Shattuck Avenue and Berryman in Berkeley, various types of paddlecraft will be seen, including both foldboats and home-made plastic kayaks made in the Section's molds. A movie will be shown highlighting the various types of lake, river, and surf trips which members of the group enjoy.

Subsequent training meetings will be held in the Central Branch f the Oakland YMCA, 2101 Telegraph Avenue on March 14, 21, and 28. All meetings begin at 8 o'clock in the evening. Everyone is invited to attend and to become aware of the possibilities of using small boats safely to enjoy the many types of Northern California waterways for pleasure and sport. —Bob Hawley

PLAN YOUR RIVER TRIP TO FIT YOUR OWN SCHEDULE

Even with fifteen Club river outings from which to choose it isn't always possible to fit a particular trip into your own vacation schedule. Often we have a group or circle of friends, club or business associates that would enjoy their own private trip. Now this is possible on a wide variety of rivers at a cost far below the usual guide service.

This year "Adventure River Tours, Inc." is offering a number of different plans for those wishing to take river trips, ranging from a complete, planned and operated tour to the "loan of a paddle".

No newcomer to the field, "Adventure Tours" has for the past four years been running an increasing number of river trips for the Sierra Club and other outdoor organizations. New standards of safety, enjoyment and convenience have been established on this versatile means of wilderness travel and more vacationers are coming to know the wide variety of interests that can be served on a river trip — swimming, hiking, photography, paddle skills, exploring, geology, and nature study to name just a few.

The burden of year round operation is still being carried by Lou Elliott although arrangements are under way to spread this responsibility. Bryce Whitmore can be relied upon to head up off season trips with Rogue River veterans Howard Hemphill and Chris Olsen on call throughout the year. Dick Norgaard, Steve Gantner, and Bob Elliott all have four years white water experience and in addition have gained a reputation in two other important fields: cooking and entertainment.

Since one has complete choice of how much energy he wishes to expend on a river trip, we find people of widely differing age levels and varying athletic abilities and interest all enjoying the same adventure. Dad (or grand-dad) doesn't feel the urgency to work as hard or "keep up" with his 18 year old dynamo. Also weight is not such an important factor on a river trip, so we can carry more cooking conveniences, fewer dehydrated foods, more fresh refrigerated meats — to say nothing of musical instruments, camera and other hobby needs.

Considerable thought and research has gone into the problems of how best to control the four types of rubber rafts used under different water conditions. In addition to a good supply of ten-man rafts and pontoons, two distinctly different boats are available — one a larger version of the regular ten-man assault boat and the other the 25' "John Day raft". Weekends this spring will find the warehouse in west Berkeley a veritable beehive of activity.

The Sierra Club members who operate this organization will continue to operate wilderness river trips along the lines that have proven successful on the past Sierra Club outings.

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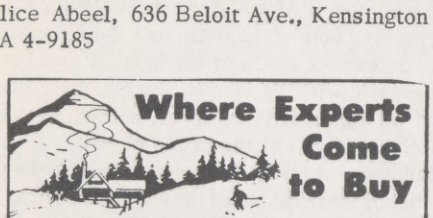

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CALLING ARTISTS!

Have you hidden creative talents ready to burst forth? The Annual Dinner Committee is hunting for artists to design and execute displays and decor for the May 5th dinner. Contact Tena Catena, MA 1-9514 (eves) or Beverly Anderson, SE 1-8940.

"Sweepstakes" Trophy Winner

Our "Sno Queen" entrant, Anne Macey, and Joanne Davies, Kim Layton, Jim Nicklos and Don Scott, literally "walked away" with the 1961-62 Bay Area Council's Winter Carnival "Sweepstakes" trophy. The affair was climaxed with a giant slalom race at Donner Ski Ranch on February 4 where Joanne placed second among the women, and Kim, Jim and Don placed second, third and sixteenth, respectively, among the men.

—George Todoroff

"Before anything else, even the scaling of the summits, mountaineering is a relationshp with the hills."

—Gaston Rebuffat

Calling That Robot

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Learn Rock Lore

A study group for beginners in the identification of rocks and minerals will meet at the Josephine Randall Junior Museum, San Francisco, on six Thursday evenings beginning March 15. The group will be limited to 15 Sierra Club members. Pre-registration is necessary. The leaders will be Neil Fahy and Mary and Charles Townsend. For information phone JOrdan 7-5640.

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I. & E. CONFERENCE: Our Trail Ahead

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There is also a Junior Center, which contains conference rooms, kitchen, library, and an outdoor amphitheater. It is here that the Sierra Club's Information and Education ("I. and E.") conference will be held, on April 7-8. For two days you will have the opportunity to hear speakers and panels discuss topics ranging from "Projections for Future Sierra Club growth", and "Chapter Functions and Responsibilities", to "Interest Groups", "Movies", and "The Personal Contact".

The expanding Sierra Club brings new ideas and new problems. How shall we reach our ever-increasing membership to tell them of critical conservation issues? How can we continue to provide the rich variety of outings at both Club and Chapter level? A lodge committee needs advice on management. Some hikers want an experienced leader to take them into the unexplored back country. One lone conservationist in a remote corner of the state needs knowledgeable assistance in saving a wild area. How can you start a new chapter? Is it possible to make the new member feel at home in the company of 17,999 other members?

Come to the 1962 Sierra Club "I. and E." Conference and find out. In addition to panel discussions and question periods, there will be an address by Joseph C. Houghteling, Chairman, California State Park Commission. There will be an address by Dave Brower, Executive Director of the Sierra Club, on "How Can We Be More Effective?"

Lest you think you will become surfeited with talk and words and complicated problems, fear not. The hospitality of the Los Padres Chapter will come to the rescue with neatly-timed coffee breaks and delicious smorgasbord, served in the Museum's patio. And, since this is, after all, a conference of aficionados of the out-of-doors, extend that food break to include a stroll two blocks away to the historic Mission Santa Barbara (founded in 1786), the only California mission to remain continuously in the care of the Franciscan Order. Or, if your legs are long, hike up the canyon a mile to visit the 50-acre Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, a natural display of native plants of the Channel Islands and the local mainland.

—Margaret Gwinn, Chairman
San Francisco Bay Chapter

HISTORY: A FOURTH YEAR FOR THE CONFERENCE

The idea for a workshop session on conservation, education and publications for the benefit of the chapters was formulated by Fred Gunsky around 1954 or 1955. Fred was at that time the Editorial Board representative of the Interim Council Committee, formed of representatives from the chapters and several club committees.

The Board of Directors at its winter meeting in January, 1956 designated to the Interim Council Committee the co-ordination of local information and education activities in accordance with the Council's proposals.

The first conference was held April 14-15, 1956 at the Josephine Randall Junior Museum in San Francisco, with an attendance of 70 members, 15 of whom were delegates. Fred Gunsky and Robert Howell were Conference Committee. The 2-day program was devoted to discussions of conservation policies, the Club's aim in information and education, and workshops on chapter publications and preparation of slide materials.

The second conference was held March 15-16, 1958 at the same location, with the Bay Chapter members again acting as hosts. "Conservation and practical methods of putting our message across" was the subject of the conference, of which Genny Schumacher was chairman. Attendance was about 125.

The third conference, held in Sunnyvale the first weekend of April, 1960, was devoted to outings. Panel discussions on how to develop leadership, and other outings problems were conducted under the chairmanship of Warren Lemmon. Loma Prieta Chapter was host to a highly successful meeting, attended by over 200 members from most of the chapters.

Club members interested in learning more about the Club, and in meeting members from other Chapters for a mutual discussion of ideas and problems, should make early reservations to attend.

—Hasse Bunnelle
Council Representative

National Parks (from Pg. 1)

60,000 acres, achieved valuable publicity when Secretary of the Interior Udall, on a personal inspection tour, was summarily expelled by the owner. Mr. Daniel Beard, Assistant Director, National Park Service, who described the proposed Park to the Directors, was in Secretary Udall's party at that time and mentioned that he had also explored it long ago with Dr. Aldo Leopold.

Undisturbed native grassland has almost disappeared from this continent and this area has the additional attraction of high scenic quality. One problem to be solved is the intrusion of a reservoir which backs up into the park, with the usual demand for waterfront development of cabins and boat landings; and how, asked Mr. Beard, would you like buffalo in your backyard?

The Canyon Lands, 332,000 acres in southeast Utah, is well worth National Park status, though the mineral rights must be clarified. Many Sierra Club members know this rugged and interrupted land. The junction of the Green River and the Colorado, and Dead Horse Point (already a State Park) are known to many river trip explorers.

The shores of the Golden Gate are precious to all of us, and Director Ansel Adams urged the Directors to endorse the idea of a Golden Gate National Monument. (Ansel has looked out on the Golden Gate from his Seacliff house for many years, but is now building a home at Carmel Highlands.) There was a lively discussion of the merits of National Monument or of State Park status for the headlands. Finally the Board voted to request an immediate stop order on disposal of any Federal lands involved, and referred the matter to the Conservation Committee, which has now set up a special committee, Ansel Adams, Fred Gunsky, John J. Thomas, and Randal Dickey, to report on this project.

—C.M.C.

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What's doing in conservation

MARTIN LITTON OF SUNSET To Speak at Annual Dinner

Martin Litton, Travel Editor for SUNSET magazine, and one of the West's finest photographers, will show his extraordinary film of the Grand Canyon at the May 5 Annual Dinner.

A dynamic speaker, Martin will take you down the river by boat, with a side trip to seldom - visited Thunder River Canyon. Through the lens of his camera and the intense flow of words from the speaker (pay close attention to his parenthetical asides), you will see barren desert cliffs transformed into colorful river canyons.

At last month's Board of Directors meeting, Martin created an exciting adventure out of a routine request to tell about the history and significance of the Kern plateau. Dave Brower says that Martin Litton is the only man he knows who can operate three different cameras successfully. Come to the Annual Dinner on May the 5th and see what Martin has accomplished with just one of those cameras.

In order to be among the select one thousand at the Annual Dinner, BE SURE TO WATCH FOR RESERVATION BLANKS when your ballot comes in the middle of March. The details: Saturday evening, May 5th, Goodman's Hall in Jack London Square in Oaklnd.

Contra Costa County Parks

The Mt. Diablo Area Group of the Bay Chapter is deeply interested in the promotion of the proposed $7,500,000 bonds for Contra Costa County parks, which will be voted on in June. This objective has the hearty support of the Chapter.

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MARCH 29 - SAN FRANCISCO DINNER— 7 p.m., Golden Gate Yacht Club; Social Hour, 6 p.m. Film by Dr. Harold C. Bradley: "Crossing the Sierra on Skis"; slides by Lewis Clark: "Ski Huts and Touring." Reservations deadline 9 p.m. March 27, Beverly Anderson (SE 1-8940) or Elsbeth Nagel, (PR 5-2492) evenings.

APRIL 28-29 - MOUNTAINEERING. Change of location from Sawtooth Ridge to Lassen Volcanic National Park.

MARCH 11 - NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION MUSHROOM FIELD TRIP. Meet at Samuel P. Taylor Campground in Marin County at 10 a.m. Call Louise Van Herick LO 4-1323 for transportation coordination.

MARCH 13 — KNAPSACK TRAINING: The annual session will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Sailboat house on Lake Merritt, Oakland, near the duck feeding station. There will be equipment samples from a number of suppliers as well as displays of foods packaged for backpacking. This should be of interest to all Sierrans as well as knapsackers.